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SWISH SPEAKS

There are many aspects of the summer I enjoy ... but one of my favorite things to do is head to a farmer's market. Buying products at our local farmer's market not only supports economic and agricultural growth in our region, it also positively impacts the environment. So why not come see me at the **Allen St. Farmer's Market on Wednesday, July 21** for the Kids Fest!

I'll be there from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. handing out postcards, meeting new people and checking out the incredible selection of local and organic goodies. Feel free to join the festivities earlier. Children can enjoy the many free activities, like balloon animals, face painting and free lead testing among many other things.

You can also enjoy live music, or listen to author Deborah Deisen read her award-winning book, *Pout-Pout Fish* from 3 - 3:30 p.m. We all know Swish is no pout-pout fish! I'll be all smiles ... Hope to see you there!

If you can't make it to the Eastside of Lansing to see me on Wednesday (and even if you can), be sure not to miss to the fourth annual **Westside Summer Festival on July 24**. Though I won't be there, you can listen to live music ranging from salsa, funk, jazz and more at the same event. You can also enjoy local foods and many family friendly activities.

CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

015N – Saginaw

- **Martin Luther King Jr. and Saginaw intersection is closed to north and southbound through traffic; detours are posted; intersection will be reopened in September**
- Saginaw is reduced to one lane of traffic on the north side from Martin Luther King Jr. to Chestnut; businesses are open and detours are posted; paving is anticipated on southern lanes within the next two weeks
- Sanitary sewer installation is complete on the south side of Saginaw between Martin Luther King Jr. and Chestnut
- Restoration is ongoing on Madison between Pine and Sycamore
- Base paving is complete on Madison between Pine and Chestnut; restoration has begun
- Base paving is complete on Pine between Saginaw and Madison; concrete and parkway restoration is ongoing
- Concrete restoration is in progress on Sycamore between Madison and Oakland; base paving is complete
- Road construction is complete on Kilborn between Chestnut and Walnut; base paving, concrete and parkway restoration is anticipated in the next two weeks
- Sanitary sewer installation is complete on Chestnut between Kilborn and Oakland; water main installation to begin within the next two weeks
- Lawler to be under construction in coordination with the work on Chestnut
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main installation will begin in the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. and Saginaw this week
- Sanitary sewer installation will begin on Maple between Walnut and Pine this week

034B – Washington

- Sanitary sewer and water main installation continues on Washington from Mt. Hope to Greenlawn
- Concrete restoration is complete and road base has been installed on Washington from N. Kensington to Wayburn; base paving is anticipated within one week
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main will begin on Washington between Wayburn and Greenlawn in the next two weeks
- Base paving will begin on Smith within one week



TOP FIVE Ways to Dress Green

Here are some effective ways to build a new wardrobe without putting a dent in your pocket book and positively impacting the environment.

- 1. Eco-Friendly Clothing.** Eco-friendly clothes are not only good for the environment because they are made out of organic materials, they help eliminate the damage caused to the environment by chemicals because of the way the products are raised, grown and manufactured (without pesticides and herbicides).
- 2. Fair-Trade Clothing.** This method is not only environmentally friendly, it is ethical. When you buy fair trade clothing, a portion of the price goes back into the community where the items were made for the building of health clinics, schools, starting scholarship funds and much more.
- 3. Clothing Swaps.** Do you have family members or friends who wear similar sizes to you or have grown out of clothing? Consider organizing a clothing swap. This cost-effective method offers the best bang for your buck through its minimal effect on the environment and your pocket book.
- 4. Second-Hand Stores.** Consignment shops and thrift stores are a wonderful way to find the clothing you like at a reasonable price. For a bigger green impact, buy natural fibers like cotton, wool and cashmere and avoid man-made fabrics and anything made of vinyl.
- 5. D-I-Y Clothing.** The challenge with Do-It-Yourself clothing is that not everyone has the ability to make clothes, but there's always a way to reuse an item. Have an old tie? Turn it into a belt or headband, or turn a dress into a skirt. There are creative ways of rearranging the way you wear your clothes.

Non-CSO Construction Projects

Holmes Road Reconstruction/Resurfacing

- Sub-base for the reconstructed road has been completed; curb and gutter between Waverly and Deerfield to be completed by mid-week

NIIP Street Rehabilitation “Project A”

- Final paving is complete on Fairview (Hopkins to Tulane) and on Groesbeck (Wood to Fairview)
- Northampton (Wood to Montego) and Bolley (Greenbriar to Tulane) have been pulverized and graded; curb removal and replacement is ongoing; paving is anticipated to begin the first week of August
- Construction on Schubel is scheduled to begin the last week in July
- Water main replacement on Hickory between Euclid and Pennsylvania is complete; road construction is anticipated to begin the end of August

NIIP Street Rehabilitation “Project B”

- Final grading is complete on Atwood (from Manor to Washington) and Manor (between Northrup and Atwood); asphalt leveling course to be installed this week
- Asphalt leveling course was installed on Wainwright (Risdale to Hillcrest) and Fielding (Manor to Washington); final asphalt course is to be installed this week

Grand Avenue Streetscape

- One lane of Grand between Ottawa and Shiawassee is scheduled to reopen by the end of this week; the east side of Grand in this section will be closed through October for construction staging for the Accident Fund project

Bridge Rehabilitation Projects

- **Kalamazoo over Grand River:** Deck overlay and all concrete and expansion joint replacement has been completed; beam painting will begin this week; two-way traffic is being maintained with one lane open in each direction
- **Pennsylvania over Red Cedar River:** Expansion joint replacement has been completed; deck pour for two south bound lanes is scheduled for this week; left turns into Potter Park are prohibited—detours and signage are posted for south bound traffic entering the zoo; two-way traffic is being maintained with one lane open in each direction

Gravel Streets Paving

- Final paving is complete on Bliesener west of Picardy to Pheasant
- Asphalt leveling course has been installed on Raymond (Grand River to north end); final paving scheduled for late July after replacing a portion of fire station concrete drive approach

Resurfacing of Edgewood (from Washington to Cedar)

- Milling of two outer lanes began this week; mill and pave through leveling of outer and inside lanes, turn lanes and street returns (including Washington intersection) will be completed this week; two-way traffic is being maintained with one lane open in each direction

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